



MAY 1983

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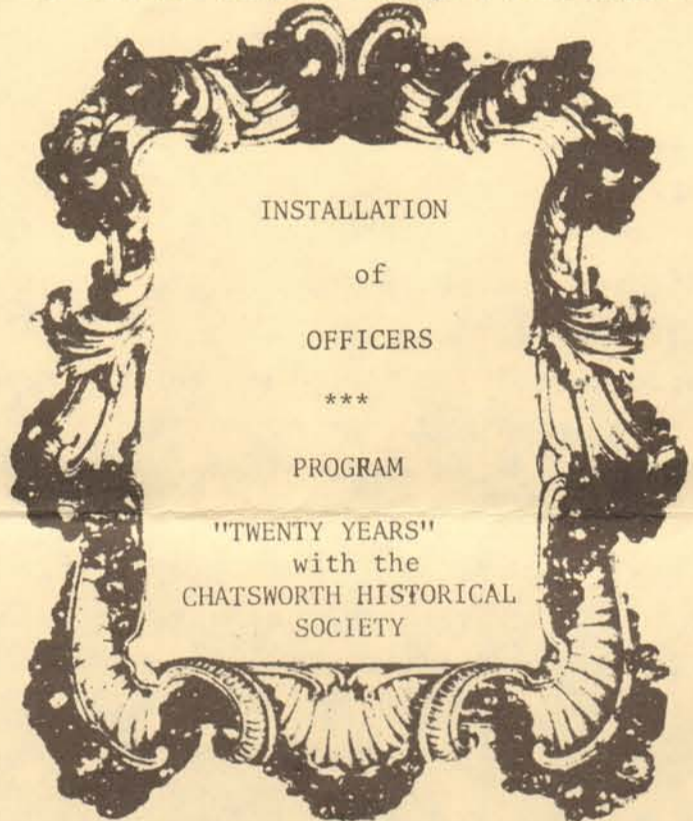
SMOKE SIGNAL EDITOR
Celia Woodman -347-8569

The Pioneer Church is located

NEXT MEETING OF CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOC.

Tuesday - May 17, 1983--7:30 PM

At Glendale Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.



Future DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 4th - 20th Anniversary - Mulholland Junior High
- May 6th OPEN HOUSE Chatsworth High 10 AM to 2 PM
12 noon - 1000 balloons will ascend.
7:30 PM Dinner at Sportsman's Lodge
- May 15 - "The Broken Flute" 2 PM Chatsworth Park South
- May 17th - Chatsworth Historical Society - regular meeting
- May 21st - Associated Historical Societies of L.A. Mini Conf.
9:30 AM at Andres Pico Adobe, 10940 Sepulveda Bl.
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- June 6, 8, 9, and 10 evenings at home of Everett & Ioline Cleveland to sort, fold, hang and move articles ready for Yard Sale at their home on JUNE 11th & 12th.
- June 7th - Chatsworth Historical Society Board Meeting
Every member urged to come, one or all days.*****

Museum and Minnie-Hill Palmer House are on the Homestead Acre - turn to the right as you enter Chatsworth Park South - 10385 Shadow Oak Drive - follow Devonshire west into the park - enter through the chain link gate. OPEN HOUSE is the first Sunday of each month

1 to 4 PM - Next date will be May 1, 1983 ** June 5, 1983

Docents in May: Marion Hyland, Lucille Clements, Betty Summers; new-Pauline Aue, Zena Thorpe

Regular meetings are 3rd Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM	\$10.00 per person per year
At Glendale Federal Savings & Loan-21821 Devonshire	\$15.00 Dual membership
Dues.....	\$1.00 Student membership
	\$100.00 Life membership
	\$100.00 Organizational

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FROM PAULINE AUE:

The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association will present the Firebird Theatre Company in the play, *The Broken Flute*, at Chatsworth Park South on Sunday May 15th, at 2 PM.

The oral narratives from the play are based on stories told to John P. Harrington by Fernando Librado and Maria Solares, and recorded in the book, *December's Child*, by anthropologist Thomas C. Blackburn; adapted by Sally Gordon. The play takes place on a California mission on a typical day, with Chumash Indians interacting with Spanish soldiers and padres.

Entrance to the park is at the west end of Devonshire St., Chatsworth. Viewers are invited to bring chairs or blankets for lawn seating. Small Donation will be accepted.



THE HOMESTEAD ACRE ROSE GARDENS

Candy's Corner

Part 2

The first old rose garden Dean and I made was an experiment. After a year of growing vegetables and growing to love the Acre, but before we became "fulltime" gardeners the Acre still looked abandoned and overgrown. In August the Park Dept. had mowed flat everything under two feet tall. It was heartbreaking, but the fire danger was extreme and something had to be done.

There was an area behind the house, between the citrus trees and a large boulder, that was planted with a few "naked ladies". Oldtimers had said that over the years wood-floored tents and other out buildings had been located there. We thought a small collection of old European roses and hybrid perpetuals might be pretty. Many of these roses bloom just once in April, May and June so we felt this would be a good place for them. Seventeen old roses were ordered and we began digging. We moved the "naked ladies" and found an incredible amount of broken glass, pottery, iron, etc. Before the days of trash pickup people had to bury their own unburnable garbage and this area must have been a prime spot.

We hauled load after load of sandstone rocks to outline the bed and planted the bushes. The roses thrived and we were "hooked". That began our two year cleanup and replanting.

The oldest of the roses are CRESTED MOSS (1827) and FELICITE PARMENTIER (1834). The "cabbage" rose is well represented by eight hybrid perpetuals including ROGER LAMBELIN (1890) which is a red rose with each petal edged in white. All of these roses are various shades of red, pink or white. Until the importation of Chinese roses and the crossing of them with European roses there were no yellow or orange colors in western roses.

Three years ago a scout working for his eagle badge had made a rock bordered oval garden at the rear of the house on the east side, but without maintenance it had become a tangled mass of grape vines, weeds and a peach tree. The Huntington's John Mac Gregor had a collection of tea and China roses that were to be moved to make way for the Huntington's new American art gallery and so we inherited some of them. The oval bed was cleared and planted with fifteen roses.

True tea and China roses are not hardy. They thrive outdoors only in California and the southern U.S. Because the French were the first to work with them most of these roses have French names, MONSIEUR TILLIER (1891), PAPA GONTIER (1882), MADAME LOMBARD (1878). One of the teas, NIPHETOS (1843) is the pure white Victorian bridal rose. It was grown under glass throughout Europe and was carried in bridal bouquets for over fifty years.

ALL ABOUT US!

A Hearty Welcome to New Members:
James and Nino Hackett
10330 Oso - Chatsworth
Te. 341-9707



Friends of Felicia Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berkemeyer, our members & friends and parents of Betty Summers, have moved to our lovely Kingsbury Manor Home in Chatsworth. They have both been ill and have had the loving care of Betty for some time. We hope for renewed health and strength for both of them in their new environment.....

WE ARE GLAD TO KNOW.....

that Mary Spotts is recovering from a very serious accident that she and Arnold were in on March 14th. Mary had six broken ribs and a fractured shoulder blade - she is still having back pains. Arnold, fortunately, was not hurt badly. They were traveling home on Plummer, where they have traveled for 25 years. At the cross street of Farralone some boys had knocked the stop sign down and someone went through without stopping, hitting them and totalling their car.

WE WISH WE HAD BEEN THERE.....

and some of you have. Two of our new members - Bill and Irene Lanzendorf have recently returned from a never-to-be-forgotten trip in which they have given me some of the highlights..... They left April 4th on a plane to London and then to Athens then boarded a ship to travel to Turkey, Israel, Greece, Egypt, Cypress and several Greek Islands.

On the Greek Island of Skiathos, they spent a whole hour in a little sidewalk cafe sipping the typical coffee of Greece and watching the old men sitting with nothing to do except talk a bit and play with their worry-beads. It was like a fairy-tale.....they would all talk together for a few minutes and then---complete silence while they twirled their beads.

"The Island of Mycones was the cleanest place we had ever seen," they said. The people not only whitewash the outside of their homes every few weeks but also whitewash the narrow streets in front of their homes.

"In the old walled city of Apko, just outside of Haifa, Israel, we learned there was a city built on top of another city." Archeologists had been digging the ruins for hundreds of years when they discovered another city underneath. There was even a passageway discovered whereby The Knights of the Crusaders could escape to the sea if the city was beseiged.

The most inspiring part of the tour was their visit to The Church of the Nativity where Christ was born and the Tomb where He was supposed to have been lain. Only those that have been there can describe the feeling of reverence and silence of this Holy Place. To think as one descends the steps and sees the hundreds of people already there, that this is only a part of one day, one week or one month - and how many thousands of people visit every year. We wonder if this isn't the most visited of any other region in the world.

ABOUT OUR MEMBER, AUTHOR, PLAY-WRIGHT and CHAIRMAN OF OUR WEST VALLEY ORAL HISTORY GROUP: CATHERINE MULHOLLAND.....

NEW VALLEY PIONEER SCHOLARSHIPS
TO HONOR OLD-TIMERS

On May 6th, at the annual Spring Awards Banquet of the History Department at California State University, Northridge, two new scholarship programs will be announced as part of the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the University: the Valley Pioneer Scholarship to commemorate the contributions made by valley pioneers to the growth and development of the San Fernando Valley, and the Memorial Scholarship to honor a family member, relative, or friend.

Among the donors will be Richard Mulholland, of Orange Cove, and Catherine Mulholland, of Chatsworth, who have established in honor of the memory of their parents, The Perry and Addie Mulholland VALLEY PIONEER SCHOLARSHIP IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CITIZENSHIP.

Perry Mulholland was a pioneer resident rancher in the Chatsworth-Northridge area from 1914, when he was sent by his father, William Mulholland, the engineer of the Owens Valley Aqueduct, to manage the family ranch whose working headquarters were at Corbin and Nordhoff (present site of Southern Pacific Industrial Park and Teledyne Company). He died in 1962.

His wife, Addie Haas Mulholland, was of a pioneer Calabasas family. She was teacher and Principal of Chatsworth Park Grammar School from 1919 to 1921, and following her marriage, lived with her husband for over forty years on the Mulholland ranch. She died in 1980 in Chatsworth.

Anyone interested in establishing a similar memorial should contact Dr. Del Stelck, History Professor, 885-3566 or 3558, who will be pleased to discuss the matter with you.

MULHOLLAND JR. HIGH WILL ALSO BE CELEBRATING ITS 20th ANNIVERSARY MAY 4, 1983
OPEN HOUSE AND BARBEQUE

The history of Mulholland Jr. High was given to me by Mr. Robert E. Mills, Principal. His son Jon, also is a graduate of Chats.Hi. "Mulholland Jr. High was formally dedicated in the spring of 1963. The school is named for William Mulholland, a pioneer in the development of the city of L. A. , and the Chief Engineer of the Owens River Aqueduct which furnishes the water supply for our city. William Mulholland is often referred to as the "Father of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power." Without his efforts to bring water to the L. A. area, our So. Calif. area would be a semi-desert region and could not

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support our agricultural and commercial industries.

Mulholland Jr. High carries out this important water theme in our school nick-name, The Cascaders, in our school newspaper, named The Pipeline, and in the school seal which features a Cascade or Waterfall.

At the school dedication in 1963 the Department of Water & Power presented the school with a bronze plaque of William Mulholland which hangs in our Multi-Purpose Room, Cascade Hall.

CHATSWORTH LIBRARY:

Invites the public to participate in its annual Book Sale - May 7th -- 9:30 to 3:00 PM. They are asking for donations as well as your participation in buying books. For book pick-ups call Arline Bauman, book chairman 882-3439 or 704-9799. Your donations are tax deductible. The Friends of the Library have been most helpful in getting things that are not included in cut back of funds. They have paid for the drinking fountain, the carpet for the children's room and money to buy books. Their new President is John Thorpe, who urges your assistance.

OPEN HOUSE AT CHATSWORTH LIBRARY, also celebrating their 20th Anniversary!

Saturday - May 21st - 1 to 3 PM

Refreshments are furnished by the Friends of the Library and the Chatsworth Women's Club.

Two famous authors will be present.....

Sue Alexander, Children's Author (from Canoga Park)

Frances A. Rockwell, Writer and Teacher... She is an author of fiction and non-fiction and text books. Many of us remember her as our teacher.

The Chatsworth Library was built in 1963 with funds from the last bond issue for libraries voted in 1957.

The staff of the library thanks the community for their continued support and cooperation. The Senior Librarian is Eunice Kent, also from our Chatsworth Historical Soc. - Celi Hassett is the Young Adult Librarian and Linda Morgan is the Children's Librarian. The very first

Senior Librarian was Robert Mayer, who has since passed away. He was followed by Edythe Gatenby and then Dorris Dosser, a Life Member of the Chatsworth Historical Society.

MAY BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Eunice Kent, George Meltzer, Collin Guilmette, Lois Choate, Betty Grill, Doris Van Aken and Dr. Ruth Boak.

Does anyone have a thimble, a pin-cushion or a hat pin older than 1920? Have you visited our Open House on the first Sunday, recently? We have some new things that have been donated.

About Ira Rifkin's article in last Smoke Signal: All the desert flowers blooming in the desert will be 2 weeks later than usual because of the cold rainy weather. There still may be time for some of them, but don't get stuck in mud!

We wish to thank Senator Davis for his lovely letter when he was unable to come to 95th Anniv. of Chatsworth's birthday, because of "Senatorial" commitments.

What Is A Mother

It takes a Mother's Love to make a house a home,

A place to be remembered,
no matter where we roam ...

It takes a Mother's Patience
to bring a child
up right,

And her Courage and her Cheerfulness
to make a dark day bright ...

It takes a Mother's Thoughtfulness
to mend the heart's deep "hurts",
And her Skill and her Endurance
to mend little socks
and shirts ...

It takes a Mother's Kindness
to forgive us when we err,
To sympathize in trouble
and bow her head in prayer ...

It takes a Mother's Wisdom to recognize
our needs
And to give us reassurance
by her loving words
and deeds ...

Cathy Guilmette McAdams is the daughter of our new members, Collin and Mary Guilmette. She is another Chatsworth celebrity for which we can be proud. She returned April 24th from New York City's Waldorf Astoria Hotel, where the 48th Annual Conference of American Mothers, Incorporated was held.

Cathy was the State of California's "Young Mother Representative of 1983," an honor conferred upon her February 19th at the State Mother Luncheon in Burbank. She was nominated by the Chatsworth United Methodist Church.

Many members of the Chatsworth Historical Society remember Cathy well as the Chatsworth High School Ecology Club President whom its sponsor, science teacher, Loretta Ditlow, referred to as "the girl who saved a mountain." Cathy coordinated many civic organizations and leaders in a concerted effort to "Save the Stage Coach Trail" with her ecological project of pulling civic groups together to stage a beautiful parade and two-day "Country Fair" which drew attention to the endangered historical site. This was in 1972, the year Cathy was graduated from Chatsworth High with high honors.

Her leadership in community affairs attracted the attention of the Canoga Park Lions Club which sponsored Cathy for summer in Japan in 1972, bringing a good feeling of international relationship between us and many people there.

Cathy took second place as Chatsworth's Girl of the Year in 1970 when she was a sophomore, and in 1974 the Chats. U.M. Church sent Cathy on a missionary Work Team to Hawaii, Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa for 9 weeks. When she returned she gave slide and sound presentations to various church groups.

Our Dale Evans Rogers was Calif. Young Mother '68

We are proud of other Chatsworth celebrities; Cathy's sister, Julie (Jule) Guilmette has been in many plays and some T.V. spots since her graduation and her best friend, Mary (Mare) Whittingham, also from Chatsworth High, has been doing very well in movies and T.V. We recently saw her as the actress granddaughter in The Thornbirds.